THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Selection of Sub-standard serials by Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra

4034. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the serials being telecast from Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra are not upto the standard and are under criticism by local pnsss, regularly;

(b) what is the procedure of selection of serials in that Kendra; and

(c) what remedial steps will be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. F. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Reaction of all the viewers to the serials telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati are not alike These serials are selected by a Selection Committee consisting of non-official experts.

(c) Complaints or suggestions of the viewers received by Doordarshan are duly taken into consideration for the betterment of the service.

Vacancies of Gezetted/Non-Gezeted Posts in different (Doordarshan Kendras of North Eastern Region

4035. SHRIMATI BASANT SAR-MA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted posts in the Programme, Engineering and Administrative sections of the different Doordarshan Kendras of the North Eastern Region which are lying vacant; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to All up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Number of Gazetted and Non-gazetted posts lying vacant at the different Doordarshan kendras in the North Eastern region (Prgramme, Engineering and Administrative Sections taken together).

	Total
(i) Gazetted;	359
(ii) Non-gazetted;	1413

(b) Recruitment process has already been initiated to fill up most of these vacant posts.

Full-fledged programme production by Dibrugarh, Shillong, Imphal and Guwahati Centres of Doordarshan

4036. SHRIMATI BASANTT SAR-MA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) by when Doordarshan Kendras of Dibrugarh, Shillong, Imphal and the Programme Production Centre (PPC) at Guwahati will start full-fledged programme production-,

(b) whether it is a fact that the Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra is telecasting capsules sent by Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra due to shortage of manpower; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to fill-up this additional manpower?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The TV Studio Centres at Dibrugarh, Shillong and Imphal are envisaged to be commissioned during 1993-94. The programme production-cum-feeding centre at Guwahati is also envisaged to be operationalised for relay of Common North Easttrn Regional Service during 1993-94.

(b) and (c) At present Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh is telecasting programme for limited duration produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati. Necessary steps have been initiated to post the requisite essential staff to Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh so as to commission the Centre during 1993-94.

Setting up of new TV transmitters for coverage of population

4037. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) what percentage of population is covered by T.V. network at present; and

(b) what places have been identified for setting up of new TV transmitters in the near future?

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) About 82.4 per cent population of the country is, at present, estimated to be covered by TV service, inclusive of the population in the fringe areas, where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining reception.

(b) The places where TV transmitters are, at present, under implementation/envisaged to be set up, subject to availability of resources, are given in the Statement. (See below). Out of these places, TV transmitters at Dharwad, Atmakur, Bheemavaram, Sujangarh, Khambat, Purulia, Jhar-gram and Jhalda, are envisaged to be commissioned in the near future

Statement

TV Transmitters presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up

State/Union Territory	High Power Transmitters	Low Power/Very Low Power Transmitters
Andhra Pradesh . .	Kurnool Nandyal Rajamundary	Alagadda Atmakur Bheemavaram Gadwal Giddalur Hindupur Jagtial Kadiri Kavali Kuppam Madnapalli Medak Nagarkurnool Nirmal Paderu Siddipet Srisailam Tandur
Arunachal Pradesh . .		Pipu Dipu Yomcha